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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-1080)

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In re Application of: )  
Dick T. Van Manen )  
Serial No.: 09/681,341 ) Art Unit: 3612  
Filed: March 21, 2001 ) Examiner: Pape, Joseph  
For: Vehicle and Bumper Assembly Therefor ) Confirmation No.: 5256  
Having an Integral Fascia and Energy )  
Absorber, and Method for Making the Same )

RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the office action of September 24, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 20 and 33.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 8-11, 14, 19, 21-24, 37, 34-37 as follows:

1. (Amended) A vehicle comprising:

a body having a bumper mounting portion thereon;

a bumper beam mounted to the vehicle bumper mounting portion;

a fascia mounted to the vehicle in overlying fashion to the bumper beam, said fascia

comprised of a single structural layer of polymeric material with the proviso that the

polymeric material contains no mineral reinforcement nanoparticles and having a